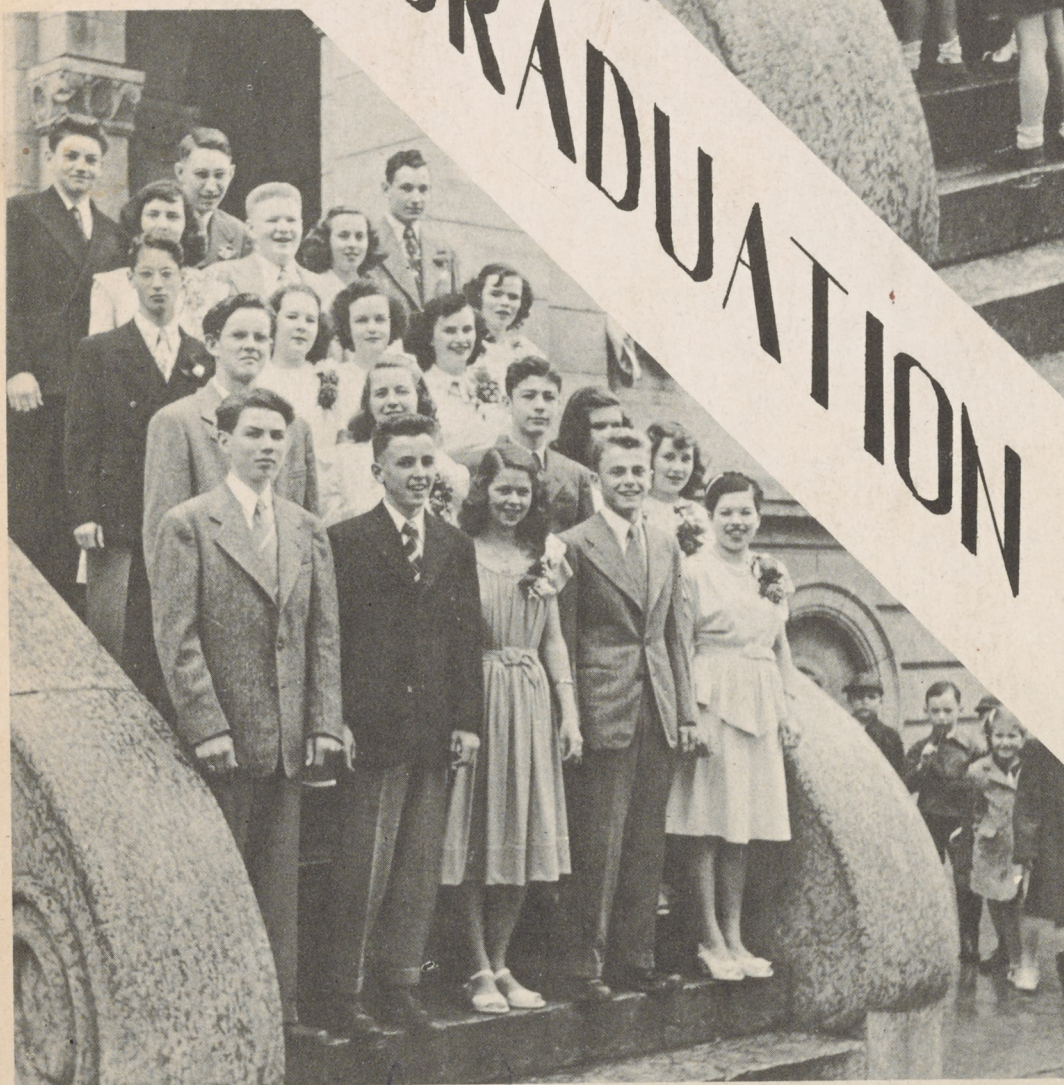


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## Farewell to the Graduates

For nine years, many if not most of you have been pupils in Laura Secord School. That is a sizeable fraction of a lifetime, and far more formal education than most of the boys and girls of the world receive. It represents a heavy investment in time and money. Will the investment return fair interest in happiness for yourself and service to your community?

What have you received in your nine years? First you should have mastered the art of reading, the magic key which opens the treasures of the past and by which you learn the thoughts and events of your own time. What folly to use this skill to clutter your mind and shrivel your spiritual self with trivial or harmful thoughts. In the labour and drill of numbers and arithmetic you have learned to mete and measure the problems of daily living. Through history you have caught glimpses of the path by which humanity has struggled to some degree of freedom, and you should have gained inspiration from the greatness of great men, to strive to do likewise. In geography, you have journeyed afar on a magic carpet and have learned to understand peoples and races not our own. Perhaps science has set ajar the door which opens into the world of nature and her laws. Music and art surely have lit in your hearts the light of beauty which can never grow dim. Through literature you have wandered amid the deathless rhymes and prose of the great of all time. In the games and contacts of school you should have learned to be a good team mate, and a good friend.

Most of you will go on to high school, where many happy experiences await you if you are prepared to find and enjoy them. Those boys and girls who leave us with a sound foundation and good habits of work, are most likely to find most enjoyment in their new school, and to them it will yield its richest rewards. The good wishes of all who remain at Laura Secord, follow you along the highways and by paths of life.

Fred D. Baragar.

## The World We Face

We, as the younger generation of the twentieth century, face a more promising world than any generation before us. Perhaps, Canada holds the key to the future of the world. One of the important jobs which Canada must do is to keep understanding and friendship between the two great nations of the world - Russia and the United States. No other country can claim such vast unexplored regions; of such unharnessed water power; of forests and mountains rich in wealth and laden with valuable mineral deposits.

In our country there are unlimited opportunities for ambitious young men and women. The taming of our vast water resources alone would employ many men. We need thousands of men to patrol our forests and so protect its wealth; many more men are needed to convert that wealth into lumber and pulp-wood. Now that our forests are decreasing there are jobs of replanting and protecting them. Summer vacationists should take their part too, and make sure all fires are out before leaving them, for most of our great fires are started by carelessness.

The universities are full of young men and women who have learned through the fortunes of war, what can happen to a country when it allows itself to be ruled by a dictator. They are determined not to let that happen to our country. They are interested in the politics of the world. They want to learn how to govern a country by learning how to get the most out of their votes.

Agricultural Colleges are overflowing with veterans who want to get the best possible use out of our fertile soil. Others are taking up law, medicine, commerce and engineering to insure our future happiness and the peace of the world. This is the challenge that faces us - to make Canada a great nation.

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VALEDICTORY

It is with a feeling of pride and happiness that I address you as one of the graduating class. This class is one which it is an honour and pleasure to represent. Each one of us has looked forward to this day. Now it is here we are conscious of a Joy tinged with sorrow. The thought of advancing to high school brings with it the anticipation of new experiences and surroundings. The severing of the old associations stir up an appreciation of the value of our friends. Not until later on in life, perhaps, will we fully realize how close a bond there has been between us. Fortunate are those of us who will continue uninterrupted these friendships.

With regret we leave behind us the contacts with our principal and the members of the teaching staff. We are appreciative of and grateful for their earnest efforts in our behalf. Their understanding and guidance will ever be remembered and valued. If, at times, and I for one, frankly admit their have been times, we have seemed ungrateful, we hope and trust that they know in their hearts and minds that it was not really so.

The value of their patience with us is clear to us now: the value of their impatience with us will come with the years.

We are fortunate to have had a staff which has guided us to an interest in the various activities and skills which will enable us to make the best use of our time and abilities.

We will soon be going out into a world that is progressing ever faster. We will have many new and amazing conveniences which will, in due time become an accepted part of our everyday living. This progress which has already started, and is increasing in speed, will leave us with more and more free time. At present men and women want a shorter working week. They want forty hours instead of the present forty-four hours per week. How will we spend the other four hours? Will we waste them, or will we use them to advantage? If we have been wise we have been developing our aptitudes and inclinations and making preparations to use the leisure time profitably.

The key to a full enjoyment lies in reading. We have learned while at school to read good books. Books add to the cultural side of life. It is very important to be able to read a book and digest its contents. This ability has its beginning in Junior High School and will be very valuable to us later on, especially if we go on to a higher education. Moreover, books enrich our lives and offer us good companionship. We should never feel lonely if we have books near at hand.

We have spent three years with the Junior High School Rotary System. This prepares us for later relationships. In a school room we work with thirty to forty other students. We cannot choose our classmates, neither can we choose our neighbors or the people with whom we work. We have to fit in. The other people are there. We must accept them as they are. We must get along with them. No matter where or with whom we find ourselves; we must be friendly and tolerant; observe what we can. Accept the good. Reject the bad.

To the Grade Eights who are moving into the places we are vacating, we must pass on the pleasures and responsibilities which accompany being Grade Nines. Take them as a torch! Hold them high! Conduct yourselves with pride and spirit! Honour the fine name of Laura Secord! She has done much for you: - Do as much for her!

"For life is the mirror of the king and slave,

'Tis just what you are and do;

Then give to the world the best you have,

And the best will come back to you."

Miriam Lobel 9:24.



## HISTORY OF THE GRADUATING CLASSES

I am very pleased to have been chosen to set before you something of the history and attainments of the class graduating from Laura Secord this year. It is natural, that each grade nine thinks itself the best class for various reasons. The highest average for last year was particularly high - over 92%. No one in this years group has been able to equal it. On the other hand this class has some very young students. Leighton Young, for example, will still be only thirteen years old at the end of next October in Grade 10. Moreover, we have a distinction that no previous class has been able to claim. No grade nine following us can claim it either. Those of us who started school as grade ones at Laura Secord, in 1938, are Mr. Baragar's first Grade one. We are his graduates to-day. We have known no other school principal.

Some of us, of course, have not been in Laura Secord all of our school lives. There is always a certain amount of change taking place in a school population. This year was no exception. Grade nine received its quota of these students. Our school has always been a friendly place and these girls and boys were welcome, and soon were absorbed into the life of the school. One of these new boys, Dave Williams, came to us from eastern Canada. He is here to-day as an honor student.

As in recent years, music has played an important part in our school life. The grade nine girls contributed liberally to the Girls' Glee Club which did well in Musical Festival Competition. The Boys' Glee Club included a sprinkling of nines. This group kept intact its good record by winning the James Tees Shield. The Baritone Choir is always popular with our boys. They sang well to win the Saults & Pollard Shield. Besides these large groups there were many individual entries from our nines in the Musical Festival. It has become a feature of our music life to enjoy an afternoon with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. We had that pleasure this year. Laura Secord Orchestra has many grade nine players.

In our program of studies, we take music or art - not both. The art students this year submitted entries in a province wide poster competition. One boy won a fine prize - a considerable amount of cash. We have in our school, now, a new picture machine. It has been used to advantage in our art classes to make familiar to us the works of the masters, and the arts and crafts of other lands.

In the realm of sport both boys and girls of this graduating group were very active. The girls played in the city volley-ball league as usual. Of even more interest was their inter-room competition which was won by room 24. In the annual skating races both boys and girls did well. The boys played an inter-room hockey schedule. Room 24 won this also. Grade nine boys were prominent on the senior baseball team which was good enough to reach the divisional play-offs. They also contributed largely to the exhibition tumbling group which was a feature of the Teachers' Easter Convention. In the swimming races the grade nine boys were point winners, two of them being stars of considerable fame in the swimming circles of the city. Instruction in skiing was available last winter at the Puffin Club and many students took advantage of this opportunity. This summer the Riverside Tennis Club, at the foot of our school grounds, has reserved a generous amount of time for the use of Laura Secord Students. Many of our nines are hoping to learn the game better.

A pleasing diversion in the subject of literature was the enjoyment of the play of Henry V, at a down town theatre. It was particularly cold and stormy that morning, but all of the boys and girls in grade nine showed up. It was a fine film which gave excellent help in the study of the play.

On Remembrance Day we had a speaker, Rev. E. L. Harvey, who addressed us on "Good will among nations and peoples".



Patricia Anderson:

dark haired, quiet mannered Pat with the bright blue eyes is always ready for a joke: she is an all-around good kid with lots of friends: was the runner-up for the Honour Student award: 24's paper representative.

Orla Bjornson:

"Monty's" other half: likes to imitate Al Jolson; good in all sports but excels at volley ball; always ready with a come-back; has a yen for queer colours in nail polish; a regular customer at McKnight's drug store.

Nora Bowman:

petite, curly-headed beauty with the brains: has a charming little laugh with a sigh in it; models clothes at Bridgen's; literary editor on the Laura-Lites; an Honour Student candidate; manages to shine her own light in spite of the "Big Four" brothers.

Myrna Carrothers:

a gal with a lovely complexion and the bluest of eyes; a fast smart talker; constantly wondering about the darndest things; still in the "why" zone; writes lively stories; may do a book some day; has an aversion to early rising; annoying details; and remembering dates.

Carol Hook:

our only strawberry blonde; tall, green-eyed beauty; an up-and-coming artist; just can't keep from drawing pictures - in your book or mine or anywhere; a south-paw with a liking for sport; assistant art-editor on Laura-Lites.

Joan Gauer:

popular girls sports captain of 24; Joan did a fine job in accompanying the Grade IX Girls Choir; assistant sports editor of the Laura-Lites; led her team to Grade IX championship (volley-ball); her slow smile and easy going way wins her many friends.

Geraldine Jenkins:

"Gerry" attractive social conven r, with the beautiful hair and appealing little frown; makes smart dresses; is high brow when playing the piano but likes the other stuff too. quiet, dreamy-eyed Helen takes an interest in everything; her lovely smile will win you; is quite an expert on figure skates; popular in social periods; a member of Gr. IX Girls Choir; doesn't let life worry her.

Helen Kerr:Gerdine Lawrence:

"Gerd" is interested in many things and is good at all of them - art, fancy skating, volley-ball, sports in general; is editor of the "Former Students" section of the Laura-Lites; Room treasurer; 24 is proud that she won the Honor Student Award.

Miriam Lobel:

a good-natured, dark haired girl who does everything - plays the violin in the school orchestra; reporter of elementary news on Laura-Lites; winner of Academic Award; Valedictorian at the graduation exercises; a good sort to have around.

Pat Montgomery:

"Monty" does well in all sports; won a place on the honour ballot; our history brain; can be seen in McKnight's most any day; feeds laughs to Orla.

Corinne Nemy:

a slender Brunette: candidate for honour student; fond of most sports; has an ambition to become a newspaper reporter; a member of the Grade IX Girls' Choir. Good luck to you in Gordon Bell.

John Clark:

a quiet-mannered deep voiced, dark complexioned fellow; likes classical music; plays the piano; one of our candidates for honour student; assistant editor of the Laura-Lites; enjoys subtle humour.



- Shirley Backman: "Bangs" loves dancing and sentimental records. Founder of the "Grass Pickers". Got a little mixed up over daylight saving time. Was late for school - 2 hours. Wants to be a dress designer; ambition to remain single.
- Donna Bailey: "Bones" a tall lanky dark-haired girl; Room 25's pet worrywart; according to her every time the sun goes behind a cloud its going to rain; nimble with a thimble!
- Patricia Begley: "Bugs" to her friends; cute, perk and sparkling; our only south paw. If all good things come in small packages she's the best.
- Frances Brimmell: "Golly"!! long blonde hair and hazel eyes. Gets frequent teasing about her round face. Loves dancing and music and is good in both. Interested in all sports, especially golf. Ambition: to dance with Gene Kelly.
- Beverley Broadfoot: Known among her friends as "Buddy". Is it the scotch blood that makes her follow the bagpipes? Her ambition is to become a nurse. With her brains and sympathetic ways she should succeed.
- Marlene Kostenuk: A hazel-eyed brunette from Saskatchewan, known to her friends as "Shorty"; modest but not shy. Has a good pitching arm. Played volley-ball for the school.
- Joyce Lovell: Our barefoot girl. One of the lucky people with naturally curly hair. Has a laugh between a wheeze and a hiccough. Loves skating and high-jumping, and takes to water like a duck.
- Anne Maxwell: The girl with the gorgeous red curly hair. Naturally known as "Red Top". The pet giggler of Room 25.
- Lynne Russenholt: Harum-scarum is the word for her. Editor-in-Chief of the Laura-Lites; candidate for honor student. Top in work and top in play.
- Joyce Somerville: Known as "Slumberville" but not the least bit sleepy. Our hottest live-wire. Her secret is her famous laugh, the only one of its kind in existence. She is a sport enthusiast and is entered in all activities.
- Dorothy Stone: "Dorothy" to her pals. Quiet spoken, but with a gift for arranging parties; our very successful social convener. Cuts plenty of ice in the speed skating races.
- Kathleen Rust: Known as "Rusty" but not the least bit dull. Newcomer to our school and already active in sports, especially baseball. Practices running every day with the boys. Can beat most of them! She has "Moe" pals!
- Weida Willows: "Weid". The centre of all room good times. Pupil convener of the dance; worked hard as Laura-Lites Sports Editor. Good in all sports especially skiing; won sports award. Always ready with a joke. Loves blue-jeans.
- Joan Menzies: A blue-eyed, curly-haired lass from Ontario. Her quiet good manners and shy smile have endeared her to all of us. She blushes!
- George Akins: A belligerent 6 ft. 1 adonis, who with his original ideas and flowing vocabulary has amused the class the whole year round. A rugged individualist if there ever was one.
- Colin Campbell: Our tall, blonde, athletic sports captain. Hobby; washing dishes. An admiral in the making.
- Dick Criddle: Room 25's western enthusiast. His second home is in the Rio Theatre. Ambition to shoot it out with Hopalong Cassidy.



PEN SKETCHESRoom 18

- Mimi Berger: Loves the Laura too much to transfer so crosses the river on her beloved bicycle; fond of swimming; very generous and good-tempered.
- Ann Cornie: Came back from a year at St. Mary's Academy; we were glad to see her broad, happy smile again; everything happens to Ann, but she always turns up smiling and ready to try.
- June Dambrink: Our demure little "top" girl of Rm. 18; played Juvenile volley ball; right fielder on room baseball team; got a taste for travelling during her jaunt to California; always sunny and sweet.
- Lola Fashler: Flashes a pleasant smile; greatly prefers art to mathematics; hopes to become an interior decorator or maybe stylist; enjoys rugby games.
- Elsie Frosk: Came to us from the Bornoff School; plays the violin and is a staunch member of our orchestra; will likely get a degree in music some day; always looks a little surprised.
- Barbara Fulton: Another new pupil this year from another district; owner of a deceptively quiet voice (in class); found her place in the upper fourth of the class; good at games, especially baseball.
- Sidney Hall: One of the "weenies" and a whiz at maths for her size; likes all games; makes lots of friends; she'll grow up some day.
- Doreen Impey: Put some "imp" into Impey; always ready with a smile; a favorite both at work and play; we'll be sorry to lose her to Daniel Mac next year.
- Dorothy Hinch: A real personality in Room 18. Girls' Sports Captain; Art Editor for the Laura-Lites; one of Miss Holby's Home Helpers after four. Makes the top quarter in her class; hopes to be a nurse and will make a fine one.
- Anita Lavallée: Room 18's petite demoiselle; "frenchy" to Mr. Throp; everybody's aid in French; Merry and vivacious; captain of the Midgets in volley ball and second short stop on room team. She will make hosts of friends at St. John's Tech.
- Valerie McKnight: "Val" to us; are very loyal and dependable room president; always sunny and helpful; looks very smart in "Bay" sports togs; she will always have plenty of friends.
- Geraldine Mills: Known as "Gerry"; sixty-one and one quarter inches of fun and bounce; likes picture shows; plays the piano; shows a keen pair of heels in a race; always smiling.
- Lois Pink: A chatty little person is "Pinky"; pretends she isn't listening, but just gets into the upper half; active on the sports field; always has fun.
- Greta Thomas: Shy and non too confident of herself; has imagination; makes quaint remarks that convulse the class; her bug-bear is maths but she never gives in, - good girl Greta.
- Donna Travis: Lean, lanky and light-hearted; never bears a grudge; good at running, jumping and swimming; favorite subject is English; intends to go into office work.
- Shirley Whitfield: "Witty" for short); has a smart way of saying things; she's very fond of dogs and would like to learn to cure their ills some day. Good luck Shirley!
- Dulcie Willis: Quiet, sometimes; likeable, all the time. Gets along well with everyone; always seems to have a little secret joke of her own; a good steady worker.





Room 9-24

- 1st. Row: Nora Bowman, Geraldine Jenkins, Helen Kerr, Gerdine Lawrence, Miriam Lobel, Richard Verner, Gordon Volume, Leighton Young.  
 2nd. Row: Pat Montgomery, Pat Anderson, Joan Gauer, Myrna Carrothers, Corinne Nemy, John Clark, Ian Sutherland, Edward Hawrysz, Bob Thompson.  
 3rd. Row: Carol Hook, Orla Bjornson, Frank Lamont, Mrs. Watt, Ernest Neufeld, Harlan Dodds, David Williams, Frank Peckett.  
 4th. Row: Bill Girling, Hart Devenney, Pete Spratt, Dick Johnson.

Missing Ben Larusson, Tom Lyons.

Room 9-25



- 1st. Row: Dorothy Stone, Broatch Haig, Shirley Backman, Pat Begley, Marlene Kostenuk, Shelia Fox, Joyce Lovell, Joan Menzies, Donna Cameron.  
 2nd. Row: Weida Willows, Joyce Somerville, Frances Brinnell, Mary Anne Fisher, Beverley Broadfoot, Donna Cooper, Donna Bailey, Lynne Russenholt.  
 3rd. Row: Miss Shack, Bob Spratt, Dick Graham, Joe Harris, Dick Criddle, Dorothy Carson, Kathleen Rust.  
 4th. Row: Tom Korlecki, Bob Roth, Bill Flannigan, George Akins, Ray McLean, Bob Stoddart, Colin Campbell.



Room 9-18



- 1st. Row: Dorothy Hinch, Valerie McKnight, Barbara Fulton, Sidney Hall, Anita Lavallee, June Dambrink, Elsie Frosk, Geraldine Mills, Lola Fashler.  
 2nd. Row: Greta Thomas, Rosemary Garrioch, Mimi Berger, Shirley Whitfield, Lois Pink, Donna Travis, Helen Wood, Helen Wrigglesworth, Dulcie Willis.  
 3rd. Row: Jim Dunderdale, Weldon Congdon, Peter McEwen, Alan Metcalfe, Doug McBeath, Jim Notman, Miss Campbell  
 4th. Row: Arran Wilson, Don Hunter, Ray Lindwall, Don McLean, Angus McDonald

Missing Ann Cormie, Doreen Impey, Edward Foster.



Room 9-19

- 1st. Row: Don Morrish, Phyllis Hargreaves, Mercedes Huuk, Bernice Zanko, Marcella Murphy, Connie Orr, Sheila Johnston, Bill Webster.  
 2nd. Row: Mr. Throp, Rod Hardy, Jack Rice, Lionel Johnson, Art Burgess, Ray Martin, Frank Orr.  
 3rd. Row: Walter Matish, Keith McComb, Dennis O'Connor, Danny Black, Roger Horton, Ron Hall, Bob Adams, John Rodgers.

Missing Herbert Brown, Harvey Deary, Bill Johnson, Ken McVicar.



PEN SKETCHES - ROOM 9:19

- Bob Adams: Pleasing plump, with bright friendly eyes, and a cheerful smile; nice to get along with; works hard; will be a good citizen.
- Danny Black: Strong, silent(?) man; likes to argue especially about politics and world affairs. Neat in appearance and in his work; has a wide friendly grin that people like.
- Herbert Brown: Finds life a bit of a problem; has a good mind which needs developing; gets plenty of "razzing" but never holds a grudge; good at the high jump and running.
- Arthur Burgess: Hasn't found school work too easy but is catching on; still takes the odd nap (some teachers are so soothing!); has his own brand of humour; does his share in games; collects stamps as a hobby.
- Ron Hall: Tall, restless, always going somewhere else or coming back; active in school games. Long legs make him a good runner; belongs to special tumbling group. Very socially inclined; Was a wonderful M. C. at the grad. dance.
- Rod Hardy: Vice-president of Room 19; can be charming when he exerts himself; has a good I.Q. which is not always put to use; very good in all athletics and winner of sports award. Good going, Rod!
- Roger Horton: Tall, dark and rangy; can think when he puts his mind to it. Especially fond of horses and the out-of-door life.
- Harvey Deary: Takes part in sport; Pitcher for Senior Softball; strong on the social side of life; excellent at manual work when he's in the mood.
- Walter Matish: A quiet friendly lad, always very courteous and sees the nice things to do; attentive and faithful to his work; has real friends in both school mates and teachers.
- Keith McComb: A restless lad having a hard time growing up; very good at drawing and assistant art editor on the Laura-Lites; often wears a puzzled expression. Why?
- Don Morrish: "Squeak" is the little fellow of Room 19; quiet humorous; has imagination and will be a good student when he gets going; usually painstaking in his work.
- Ray Martin: Happy-go-lucky; not overly fond of hard work; good at sports; Intermediate star pitcher; thinks everything is merely a joke.
- Dennis O'Connor: Quiet, steady, with a pleasant Irish smile; says little but misses little, too; plays 1st base on our Senior Baseball team; a good friend.
- Frank Orr: Blonde, quiet, sleepy - but sees and hears more than he appears to; has a high I.Q. of which he doesn't make quite enough use. He'll really go places when he wakes up. An ardent dog lover.
- Ken McVicar: Can do a respectable job when he wants to; "Meag" was back-catcher for the Intermediate team; doesn't take school work very seriously.
- Lionel Johnson: Has found that work can be interesting and worth-while. Has made considerable progress; quiet, rather shy in manners; very friendly.
- Bill Johnson: The "now and then" brand of studnet; too bad not to give that good head a real chance; one of the officials of the Hand Ball club; sociable and good tempered.
- Jack Rice: Happy natured, generous, thoughtful and dependable; enjoys discussion and shows good common sense; his ambition: to own a store.
- John Rodgers: The "inscrutable" type; takes a keen interest in history and world events; really has a sizeable vocabulary; hopes to become a commercial artist.



Extracts from June Examination Papers

Refer to:- "The Stone Rejected" by Edwin Markham.

Ques: What is meant by "has been hidden - - - - - stone?"

Ans: The meaning in those words is that inside a piece of rough stone is something of great beauty if only it is given a chance to show itself. It is the same with human beings. If they were not taught and have the rough edges taken off their minds, they stay ignorant and unappealing, but if they are taught, they become the opposite. A piece of stone may be made beautiful if time is taken over it or it may be left and always stay ugly and unappealing.

Ques: How could you apply the idea of this poem to your own life?

Ans: If I had not been taught at school, I would be ignorant and unwanted, just as the piece of marble before Michael Angelo found it. But now, through work of my teachers I resemble the finished product of Michael Angelo's work, only he is represented by my teachers.

Dave Williams.

Ques: Write an exposition on "Leisure".

Ans: The thing that almost everybody works hard for all through life is the time when they won't have anything to do. Most of these people find, when the time comes, they are disappointed. They didn't think that doing nothing was such a task. The truth is that while they should have been taking time out to enjoy things and develop interests and hobbies, they were busy making money for their future idleness. Some people even get so that, when they have retired, after a year or so they have to start to work again so they will have something to occupy themselves.

People when they are young, should start to get interests and not worry too much about having enough money for their retirement, for it has been proved that doing something is not nearly as difficult as doing nothing.

John Clark.

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The Cradle

One Friday afternoon a few of the boys getting tired of making things from plans decided to think up something of their own. Someone suggested making a cradle - so a cradle it was.

We started by making the base and then the sides. At first it looked pretty crude but later began to take shape. We made the ends extend lower than the base and then rounded them off to form the rocker. I think it would have been much nicer to have painted it, but time was running out anyway.

After four we saw some of the girls who offered to make blankets and so on for it. The girls took it home. Later, about Tuesday, the girls brought it back, completely furnished. It even had animals painted on the ends. Then some brain conceived the idea of giving it to the Kindergarten, so if you wish to see the wonderful cradle, all you have to do is visit Room 17, Laura Secord School.

Terry Rooke - Rm.10.

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The best way to double your money is to fold it and put it in your pocket.

Our thanks go out to Gerald Cartwright, the most conscientious, enthusiastic, helpful worker not on the Laura-Lite Staff. Keep at it - who knows, one day you might be editor.



CEMENT MIXER

VOGUE

PUTT!

PUTT!

HUBBA  
HUBBA

HUBBA  
HUBBA

OPEN THE DOOR,  
RICHARD!



This year blue jeans - rivet studded, natch - are your tickets to society. The pockets are the girls pride and joy - talk about junk! They are almost as bad as the boys for that. Teachers, who were wondering what would be the next thing the kids would think up to torture them, found their answer in bubble gum - watch that whopper! (Aw heck it broke!).

Talking about clothes, and we were a paragraph back, aren't those sack dresses the thing, so easy to make and lovely to look at if you have one of those terrific studded belts. You can stud them yourself with staples, paper clips and sech. Make them out of leatherette. 'See you Saturday night at the canteen' was a favorite saying around the school all year. This just showed how popular the canteen was. Be seeing you there next year, dipping - by the way, jitter-bugging is a thing of the past. I suppose you have noticed the brush cuts again this year (Oh, come now, you must have), which reminds me - what do you think of the bangs epidemic? Don't say it! Braids piled helter-skelter on top of your head are the fashion again this year.

Stamp, scuff, slop, clatter "What's that?" cries the startled individual - "Oh nothing," says the tired teacher, "classes are just changing. "What with cleats on boys shoes, not to speak of the hob-nailed shoes; girls loafers, Indian moccasins, and canoe shoes etc, it is no wonder that the schools sound like grand central station. The force of gravity does not seem to work well at all with these new type of footwear.

Well, Frankie and Van are still alive and kicking, but who cares when Al Jolson is around. His recordings of "Marry", "April Showers," "The Anniversary Song" have swooned the gals from coast to coast.

Sloppy joes are on the way out, but are still favorites with many of the crowd. What say? Just a note on Zoot suits: they came; they conquered, they went - aren't we glad!

Aren't those pixie glasses really tricky? Have you tried painting the rims of yours with your favorite nail polish, to match your lipstick and fingernails? The result is decidedly pleasing.

Kilroy was here, and Open the door Richard are rather stale now but it wouldn't do not to mention them.

Pig Latin, this year same as last had a bit of a fling - so I leave you with Eba oodga.

N.B.





# MUSIC

Our Baritone Choir did very well in the festival, as most of you know. The night before the dead line, they were very nervous when they sang for the "Home and School", but they pulled through at the crucial moment and sang exceptionally well. Now "Laura" is the proud possessor of the Sauls & Pollard Shield.

The baritones consider themselves celebrities, for after the festival, they had two engagements; one at the Broadway Baptist Church, and next at our own graduation.

The Boys' Glee Club brought home the James Tees Shield for the eighth time in twelve tries. This choir was the smallest that entered the class, and also consisted of, on the average, the youngest boys. Laura Secord choirs seem to be very popular with the Broadway Baptist Church for these boys also sang for that congregation. Well done boys!

About a week before the festival, the Grade I and 2 choir were improving steadily; when suddenly their softs became whispery. This did not improve their chances any, nevertheless, they made a good showing and captured second place.

The Grade 3 to 6 choir was the largest Miss Holtby has ever taken down from Laura Secord. They also did very well and tied for third.

The story of the Girls' Choir is the saddest tale of all. They went flat the last few days before their allotted time to sing. After battling with this flatness up to the last minute; it turned out that they weren't as flat as some of the other choirs. It all ended, and although the girls did not place among the top three, they made good stiff competition for the other choirs.

Thanks go to Miss Holtby who directed three of the above choirs, and played for one of them; also to Ted McIrvine who played for the Boys' Glee Club.

This year Miss F. Port has been sent by the school board, twice a week, to instruct pupils of Grades 5 and 6 in violin. She says that these students have got off to a good start and we hope that at some future date they will be members of our school orchestra. We know that the students appreciate the free instruction and will take advantage of this golden opportunity to become fine musicians, and to afford themselves and their friends much pleasure.

At the graduation exercises on Monday, June 16, at the Broadway Baptist Church, there was a large musical program. An introductory chorus and a final benediction was sung by the Grade 7 and 8 Girls' Choir. Other choral selections were given by the Baritone Choir and the Grade 9 girls. Mary Ann Fisher was the vocal soloist. Pupil accompanists included, Frank Peckett, Joan Gauer, and Broatch Haig. Before and during the service, the school orchestra conducted by Miss Phyllis Holtby, contributed five selections, in one of which the cello soloist was Douglas McBeath. The organist was Mr. Hugh John McLean, and the teacher in charge of the afternoon's music was Miss Dorothy Holtby.

Rather sadly I realize that in connection with the Laura Lites this is my Swan Song. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your co-operation which has certainly been beyond my greatest hopes.

B.H.

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The students and staff of the Laura Secord School take this opportunity to express their appreciation to Mr. Campbell, Mr. Howie and Mr. Shearer for their kind co-operation during the past school year. Thanks, gentlemen!



### Dave Williams

Honour Student for 1947 has set a record in winning the school's highest award after one year at Laura Secord. Dave was born in Winnipeg but with his family became a wanderer across Canada during the war years. He came to us last September from the schools of Quebec City. His ability and personality so impressed his class mates that he was elected president of Room 24. Since then he has been among the top students and has served on the Laura-Lites and was a member of many teams. Besides excelling in soccer, baseball, skating, skiing, and track events, he swims well and plays tennis and golf. Dave always wears a pleasant smile (except in the picture to the left), and he has won this high honour by his unfailing courtesy and respect to class mates and teachers combined with much ability in his school work and athletics. Congratulations to our Honour Student.



### Gerdine Lawrence

Daughter of A. G. L. the well known bird-man, is the charming winner in 1947 of the schools highest award. Tasks assigned to her by her fellow pupils or teachers have been cheerfully and competently performed. Among these tasks, she has served on the Laura-Lites, played on many teams, and acted as Treasurer for her class. She has always attained honors in her studies. In art, her work is excellent and she plans to be a designer. Her outstanding qualities are modesty in achievement, and loyalty to her school and friends.

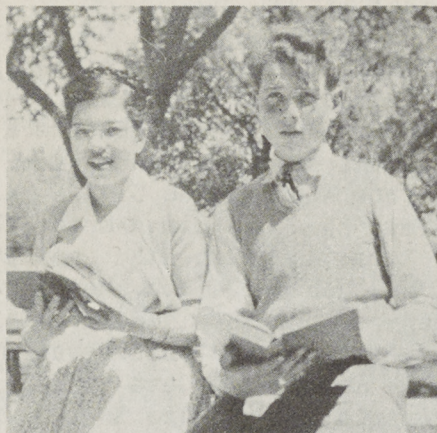


### Broatch Haig

99  $\frac{44}{100}$ % pure Laura Secord for she has taken all her schooling except shops here with us. This year she has unwittingly started something. Both staff and students felt that outstanding qualities of friendliness and generous service, coupled with steadiness in work and play should be recognized. Thus the Staff Award was established in order to honor such a student as Broatch has proved herself. She has done her school work well, has given hours of time with great talent to accompanying choirs, choruses and the orchestra, and has served often as a class officer and on the Laura-Lites staff. Broatch wins this new and popular award for her qualities of good citizenship - she is a grand girl.







### Miriam Lobel

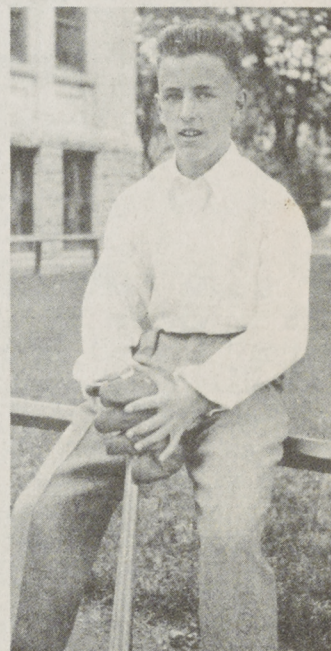
Winner of the Academic Award in 1947 has always been a careful and excellent student, never failing to win a place on school honor lists. Miriam has filled the office of Editor of Elementary news on the Laura-Lites with enthusiasm and talent. As concert mistress and violinist she has been a great help to the orchestra. Her final and greatest contribution was as class valedictorian, a task which she performed with credit to herself and her school.

### Dick Johnson

Dick finished his nine years at Laura Secord by giving the History of the Graduating Classes. He has always been an excellent student, and last year won an award for the highest boys' average in Grade VIII. This year, again, he topped the boys and was runner-up for honor student and the academic award.

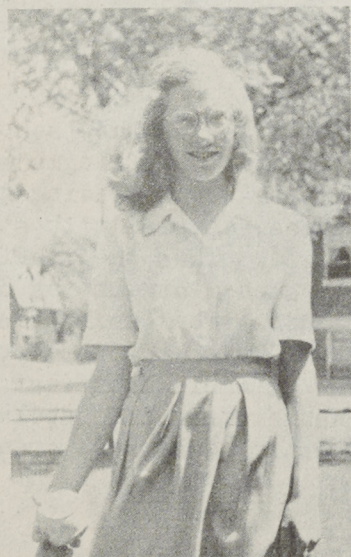
### Rod Hardy

Winner of the 1947 Athletic Award has spent four years at Laura Secord. He has always been prominent in sports and has captained many teams. This year on field day he gave a thrilling exhibition of high jumping. Rod is also a keen enthusiast for rugby, golf and swimming. This year Rod has done very well in his school work and is nearly the top in his room. Next year he plans to go to Kelvin where his athletic ability and pleasant personality will make him welcome. The honor given to Rod is highly popular with both students and teachers.



### Weida Willows

Younger sister of our first Honor Student has won the high honor of Athletic Award in 1947. It is a worthy combination to have one's name in the academic honor lists year after year and to represent the school on many teams, but this has been Weida's achievement. Active in all sports, volley ball, baseball, skating and field events, Weida has captained several teams and edited the sports section of the Laura-Lites. For her well deserved honor we congratulate her, but we like her for her friendliness and her readiness to serve her comrades and the school.







# ELEMENTARY

The pupils of the Kindergarten, Room 17, have been busy modelling animals from clay. They learn rhymes by doing exercises to music. They are now making a chest-crfield. Two boys from 7:10 nailed it together for them. The children themselves are going to paint and upholster it. They have been talking about how they are going to spend their holidays and studying about the birds, trees, flowers, farms and gardens period. During the term they have learned many songs and poems, heard many stories and made many things as well as played. These tiny tots will now be going on in to Grade I and so "Up the Ladder of Learning".

## The Foolish Dairy Maid

One day a dairy maid was coming across the pasture with a pail full of creamy milk. She thought of what this pail of milk would do for her. First she would take the milk home and churn it into butter, then she would take the butter to the town, and with the money get a new dress. Thinking of this she did not see the large stick that was on the ground. When she tripped over and spilled the milk, she thought of the old proverb "Don't count your chickens before they are hatched".

Barbara Picard Rm.11.

## The Fire

One day when I was playing with the other boys we heard a siren. Fire engines were racing down towards the water. A grain elevator had caught fire. It was a half-mile run from where we were playing but we started anyway. We raced down River Street to the creek. We forded the creek and dashed headlong through the bush over the railroad tracks to within a hundred yards of the fire. They were moving boats away from the dock nearby. Three C.N.R. switchers were moving freight cars away from the fire. They were pouring gallons of water on the fire. You could see the flames and thick smoke all over Port Arthur.

David Paterson Rm.1

## Our Fish

In our room we have some fish  
Swimming in an oblong dish,  
Back and forth they play all day,  
Blowing bubbles all the way.

Everyday they have a swin,  
In and out the catles din,  
When they eat they eat very fast,  
Because their feeding time is past

When the fish are called by name,  
Spiko and Kilroy look the same,  
Richard and Elmer have big fantails,  
And they always look like sails.

In the bottom of the bowl,  
The fishes make the marbles roll,  
In the water are some snails,  
The fishes slap them with their tails.

Ronald Kruger Rm. 4.



ROOM NEWS - GRADE VIII8:26

We of Room 8:26 would like to take this opportunity at the end of the school year, to thank Miss Henders for the very enjoyable year we have had in Room 26. While we worked very diligently during the year, we also found time for recreation-all activities, among them a room party.

We would also like to thank the other teachers, who like Miss Henders, put up with us during the year and helped make our year enjoyable.

During the year we were well represented on school teams, choirs, in the orchestra, and on field day. Chuck Harris, Bill Tasker, Ron Burke, and Ted Gilchrist, along with Shelagh Metcalfe and Nancy Fisher were our chief representatives on teams and on field day, while many others were in choirs and the orchestra.

We were very sorry to lose Nevasa Scott, who left for the coast recently. Before leaving, Nancy Fisher presented her with a school pin on behalf of the class.

Bill Munroe - 8:26

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Room 26 was well represented in the field day. Chuck Harris, our only midget entry entered all three events and collected many points. He was also chosen to represent the Grade VIII boys on graduation day and receive the Grade VIII boys ribbons from Mr. Brehaut. Harry Erickson was our only entry in the quarter mile and placed fourth. We had no entry in the half mile. Other entries on field day were: H. Bjornson, R. Burke, R. Tansony, G. Throp, B. Tasker, J. Schioler, T. Gilchrist. Some of the girl entries were: N. Fisher, S. Metcalfe, V. Hardy, J. Corke, A. Patterson, J. McLean, B. Black, P. Edwards, D. McCarvill, V. Fitzell. Both our relay teams placed third.

D. McAree - 8:26

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8:22

One bright Saturday afternoon, our class went on a picnic. We rode our bicycles about a mile past Tuxedo golf course where we immediately began to eat. After everyone had eaten heartily, some of us played baseball, but it began to rain and we all made a bee-line for home.

G.M. Rm.22

Our room was represented by Gerry Foster, Lloyd Robinson, and Barrie Bergstrom. Playing for the intermediates were: Lewis Walker and Jack Cummings, and also on the juniors were: Blake Radcliffe, George Moore, Jim Walker. Room 22 did quite well in the field day. Our boys relay team and we came first, and had seconds in the junior, intermediates and senior sprints. Room 22 also received a second and third in the broad jumps and a second in the half mile. Altogether it was a good day for 22.

G.M. Rm.22

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8:23

The girls of Room 23 did well this year on field day. Geraldine Reid came second in the intermediate sprint, Donna Pollock came first in the intermediate ball throw. In the juvenile high jump, Betty Bowen came first. She also came second in the juvenile sprint. Room 23 came second in the relay race.

B.B. - Rm.23

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William Ramage

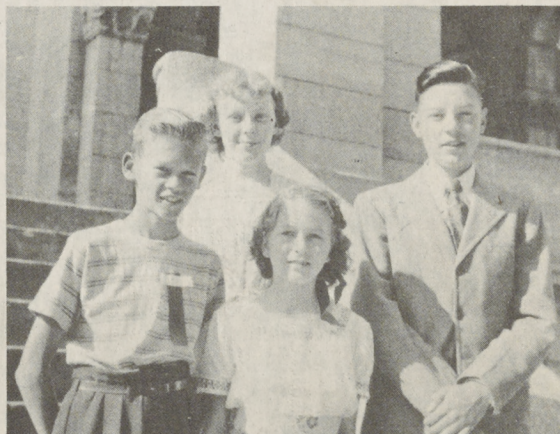
How strange are the designs of life! A shell falling beside a sapper in France on July 6, 1916, brought to Laura Secord School a quarter of a century of the skilled service of William Ramage. That shell sent him back to the Casualty Clearing Station where for hours he was not expected to live, and later caused him to turn from the trade of carpentry to the profession of teaching. Born in Edinburgh, Mr. Ramage came to Canada in 1911 as a well trained young carpenter. In 1915 he enlisted in the Engineers, but after being wounded, he returned to Canada and was for months at Deer Lodge Hospital. The Re-establishment Board of that day included Mr. Warters, then Technical Supervisor of Winnipeg Schools. It was this wise and sympathetic counsellor who persuaded the young veteran to try teaching. Mr. Ramage, knowing himself to be quick-tempered and impatient, hesitated a long time but finally agreed to try teaching for one week. Since then he has never turned back nor ever regretted his new work. In spite of the large piece of shrapnel which he still carries in his chest, Mr. Ramage has missed few days from his desk. After a year at Laura Secord as a pupil teacher, he was four years at King Edward School, then he returned to our school in 1923 where he is now senior teacher in point of service in this school. Hundreds and hundreds of boys have thrilled in making things of use and beauty under his expert direction, and seldom has he lost patience except when thoughtless boys whistled or wasted precious material or more precious time. Now and then "Old boys" return to enjoy the smell of saw-dust and clean wood shavings, and to chat with their well-liked and respected teacher of woodwork. Now that Mr. Ramage is retiring, we are proudly making him a presentation on our last assembly at Morning Exercises and we wish him many years of happy living. He is our most distinguished and respected graduate of 1947.

#### Highest Academic Standing

##### Grades 7 & 8

Grade 7 - Sheila Anne Sargeant, Terry Rooke

Grade 8 - Anne Meinzen, John Schioler







Girls' Glee Club

Baritone Choir  
winners of  
Saults and Pollard  
Shield



Boy's Glee Club  
winners of  
James Tees Shield



## Room 18 - Pen Sketches cont'd.

- Helen Wood: The pleasant, comfortable type of girl; always interested in other peoples comfort; always in earnest about what she does; a fair average student.
- Helen Wrigglesworth: Usually quiet, with a pretty shy smile; never wastes a minute at work, but she can play too; one of our heavy hitters on the baseball field; always steady, reliable and pleasant.
- Rosemary Garrioch: We are glad to have her back in Laura Secord after her wanderings. "Rose" isn't wasting any time either; always attentive and pleasant; likes fun too.
- Weldon Congdon: He's young but he's big; likes to play rugby; hobby is drawing - not Spelling!
- Jim Dunderdale: Our hard working secretary-treasurer; keeps very neat accounts; has a habit of looking puzzled. Though one of the young ones, Jim has come up well in his class from 18th to 12th place.
- Ed Foster: Executive member and star player in the handball club. Hobby is tinkering with cars. Happy-go-lucky by nature.
- Don Hunter: Our Room 18 Sports Captain - fond of games: hardball rugby and hockey; usually appears in the top quarter of the class. A new member of the Sea Cadets.
- Delbert Johnson: "Del" is mainly interested in business - secretary-treasurer of the Hand-Ball Club, like Alice's cat he keeps appearing and disappearing; has a good name for reliability.
- Ray Lindwall: Has worked hard enough to top the class for the year (80% average) but doesn't miss out on fun. Takes part in sports, music; good at organizing; should have a successful career.
- Don McLean: The tall, rangy type; very socially inclined and social convener of his class; has a good I.Q. but a bad time with Spelling; interested in mechanics.
- Doug McBeath: The kind of boy who takes plenty of responsibility; leader of school patrols; room reporter for Laura-Lites; cello player in the school orchestra and in the Manitoba Schools' Orchestra; Has one of the highest averages in Room 18. Good-bye Doug!
- Angus McDonald: Known as "Gus"; the good old slow but shure type; very reliable, seldom ruffled; has a nice sense of humour all his own.
- Peter McEwen: "Pete" is growing up all but that high soprano; always pleasant, helpful, and well mannered; very neat in his work; a real favorite with classmates and teachers.
- Alan Metcalfe: Nickname "Alonzo" - quiet sturdy, with the stick-to-it-iveness of a little bull-dog; gets terribly puzzled, but once he has it, he has it for keeps. Always courteous and thoughtful.
- Jim Notman: Vice President and always willing to take on a job; a good student, taking 3rd place in class; a whiz at maths; hopes to be a chemist; has a sparkle in his eye and a quiet joke on his tongue.
- Arran Wilson: "Abe" to his pals; sometimes has unscheduled dreams, but has climbed from 24th to 10th place; enjoys hardball, rugby and amateur photography; a new member of the Sea Cadets.

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The farmer had watched the motorist working on his car for an hour,  
 "What are you looking at?" asked the motorists, "Is this the first motor-car you ever saw?"  
 "No," was the dry reply, "but it's very much like it."



Room 9:24 Pen Sketches continued from P.4

- Hart Devonney: our clean-cut, tidy, all-around sport - good at most of them - did a fine job on the Laura swim team; sang in the Baritone Choir; is a very good artist; capable business manager of the Laura-Lites.
- Harlan Dodds: came to us this year from Mulvey; a happy lad who seems to be perpetually amused; always looking for a bit of fun; a good sport; played on football and baseball teams for the school; his voice is at the embarrassing stage; vice-president of 24.
- Bill Girling: one of our taller boys; interested in Sea Cadets; a member of the Baritone Choir; likes music; fond of doing odd jobs; if they are for someone else; never worries over his troubles; famed for losing his books.
- Edward Hawrysz: is new to us this year; studies the violin; played in the school orchestra; our greatest hand-ball enthusiast; always in a hurry.
- Richard Johnson: Dick is one of our bright brains; has always been a Laura boy; runner-up for the academic award; and honor student candidate; a fine artist - won ten dollars in an art contest; makes elegant models in manual; was historian at graduation; has a dimple like Gary Grants.
- Frank Lamont: "Stubby" is a lot of boy on all counts; genial with a blooming laugh; brainy - maths and science are a push-over to him; interested in all sports, enthusiastic over golf; "new brush" shows off his roddy blonde hair; a swell guy.
- Ben Larusson: "Bennie" is a newy too; quiet mannered, with a far away something about him; good natured; his eye lashes are the envy of all the girls; is stopped by those trick maths questions.
- Tom Lyons: Our personality man with the B-c-c-you-tee-ful brown curls; by his walk you know that he is athletic; life amuses him, and we hope that it always will; when in the mood can write you a fine story; refuses to worry about anything.
- Ernest Newfeld: "Newfie" with his husky voice is our room joker; builds kyaks in spare moments; has studied the "long-hair" but loves to hear jazz and watch the jitter-bugs; lift his eye-brows when he smiles; smart brain and a popular guy.
- Frank Peckett: "24's" maestro of the piano; "practice makes perfect" is his motto; one of the orchestra pianists; rather serious minded; prefers his wavy locks to a brush; has a quiet deep voice; likes writing anecdotes.
- Peter Spratt: Pete is one of our bigger boys; plays a cornet in the orchestra; is a Harry James fan; can be serious but prefers to be joking and laughing; is a chap in the swim game; a bubble gum expert; can write you a very fine story; has a rugged style all his own.
- Ian Sutherland: Our friendly secretary; an expert at radio as well as photography; (lens, shutters, lighting and stuff - ho - hum); owner of "Mac" Laura's beloved school dog; candidate for honor student; has a bubbly sense of humour; is quite a story writer; Oh, to be as smart!
- Bob Thompson: Bob is a pleasant fellow who enjoys sports and plays at most of them; sang with the Baritone Choir; loves to tinkor with radios; sports super brush cut; generally smiles before he speaks; a welcome addition to any class.
- Richard Verner: Rich is the neat, dark-eyed sports captain of "24"; rather quiet but enjoys everything and doesn't miss a thing; a popular member of our school teams; a "brush" fan; sang with the baritones; a nice chap to have around.



Pen Sketches continued from P. 5

- Bill Flannigan: Our blonde joker; "Finnigan" sports a curly crew cut; recommends vinegar shampoo. A great addition to the orchestra when he remembers to bring his instrument.
- Dick Graham: The politician of the manual room. Likes taking cars apart but he always has a screw left over. Ambition to have a car that works.
- Joe Harris: The boy with the wavy hair and ready wit who keeps the class in a genial good humour with his wise-cracks. Mad about tomato juice. Make way Danny Kay - Harris is coming!
- Tom Karlicki: One of our representatives for honor student. Loves sports but has no use for parties and dancing. Started to take Latin just before Christmas and now tops the class. Is a wizard in the wood; tears trees up with his bare hands.
- Bob Roth: Our popular class president; good student and very active in sports; played on the Senior Baseball team. Training in Sea Cadets for gallant service on a prairie schooner.
- Bob Spratt: Size 10 shoes and a brush cut with 6 ft in between. He plays Senior Soccer and baseball. He is well-liked and he is called "Sambo" by his pals.
- Ray McLean: One of our red-headed boys. Shies away from physical exertion; likes parties; great dancing enthusiast and actually likes school. Wants to plan bigger and better houses.
- Bill Stoddart: The boy with the Ipana smile. Our secretary-treasurer and one of the brighter students in the class; good in sports. Keeps the kettle boiling.
- Donna Cameron: The second of our three Donnas. Played volley-ball and baseball, sings in school choirs and knows how to use words to good advantage.
- Dorothy Carson: Our equation expert. Brown eyes and dark brown hair. Has an ear tuned for good music. Likes sports.
- Donna Cooper: A dreamy green-eyed lass. A whiz in art. Loves to draw figures. She's a good musician too. Ambition to design dresses.
- Mary Anne Fisher: Hopes for a career in music. She plays the violin and had a lead in last years Operetta. Loves sports-especially as a spectator.
- Sheila Fox: A pretty dark-eyed gal who attends classes regularly when not busy elsewhere. She played back-catcher for our room - we don't call her "no hands" for nothing.
- Broatch Haig: "Broatchie", our own little baritone, continually caught in a whirl of music. Can be heard anytime keeping the rest of us quiet. Our vice-president and a tower of strength to us all.
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The Laura Secord school and the Laura-Lites staff would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to Mr. Munro for his generous help in taking photographs. These photos have been sold throughout the school and will always serve as a remainder to us of our "Laura" days. The majority of the pictures in this issue have been taken and printed by Mr. Munro.



Room 10 News

First, we would like to thank Miss Tait for getting most of us through this year. There might have been one or two of us who didn't pass the grind but we're not speaking of anyone in particular. Anyway most of us think Miss Tait is pretty swell even though she is a teacher.

Our class plans to have a picnic on Thursday, June 26th, at City Park. We are going to meet at the school and get out there anyway that is convenient. Each kid is to take their own lunch. We will play out-of-door games and maybe have races. All of us hope it will turn out a success. (P.S. It did!)

The boys didn't make much of a showing in the baseball league this year. We had only three players: Keith Bodley, the star pitcher of the juveniles made a good showing, and Terry Rooke pitched to Randy Price - both of them on the Midgets. Randy was pretty starful behind the plate (he'd have to be with Rooke pitching), and I guess we'd better put in a little word for Rooke too.

In field day, I don't know how, but our boys really fell behind. We came up last of the sevens with only 7 points. Terry Rooke (how did he get in here again?) won the midget boys high jump and we picked up the other points here and there.

Volley ball was one of the main sports for our girls this year. Thanks to the aid of Miss Tait, we beat the other Grade VII's and won the cup.

In baseball we didn't do very much. We had a few games scheduled but due to a few drawbacks we couldn't play them.

In swimming this year the only girl to make a showing was Diane Mathers who came third in a race.

Field Day was the most important event of the year. In high jumping, Aileen Warrington came third in the midget, and Diane Mather came third in the juveniles. In running, Pat Leathers came first in juveniles and Madeline Blain came second. Aileen Warrington came third in midgets. Our girls scored higher than any other room.

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In the distant fields where the cattle are lowing,  
The wind blows high, and the birds are crowing,  
Sit in that distant field all day,  
And wait for the merry month of May.

Yvonne Menzies R.10

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A fat robin came and sat on my gate;  
Singing his song so clear and sweet,  
Seven more came along and then there were eight,  
All joined in a chorus on my little white gate.

Marion Bergsagel R.10





# GRADUATE GOSSIP

At our graduation service this year the sports awards were presented by Harvey Jessiman, a 1942 graduate of "Laura". In that year he was runner-up for the sports award, having taken keen interest in all of the school sports. When Harvey was in Grade V he played on the Junior High football teams and when in Grade IX he was on the Monarch Junior Hockey Team when he could have been playing midget. Later, when scholastic work seemed disappointing, Harvey took to playing hockey seriously, and feels greatly indebted to Mrs. Watt for her encouragement in this venture. Two years ago Harvey turned professional playing goalie for the Omaha Knights, the farm team of the Detroit Redwings. For the seasons 45-46 and 46-47 the hockey league awarded him the Charles Gardner Memorial Trophy for goal tending. This award is much prized by Harvey, as Charles Gardner had always been his hockey idol. He received another great honour this last season when his club voted him their most valuable player. We hope that in the near future the name of Harvey Jessiman will be as famous as that of Charlie Gardner.

On the Honor Roll in the upper hall at "Laura" under the year 1944, appears the name "Gerry Holman". Now, in his Grade XII year, he has been the president of Gordon Bell and assistant editor of their yearbook, the "Purple and Gold". These two positions and his school work did not keep him busy enough, for he took an active part in sports - rugby, basketball, soccer. He also placed in track and field events. In his Grade XI year he won an Isbister Scholarship and the Athletic and Scholastic Medal. Gerry was one of the two Air Cadets from Manitoba chosen to visit England this coming summer. To the honor he gained at "Laura" he has added and will add many more laurels.

Marian Anderson's name also appears on our 1944 Honor Roll. After graduating from "Laura", she went on to Gordon Bell. In Grade X she was vice-president of her class and in Grades XI and XII was their president. Now at the end of her Grade XII year she can look with pride upon her many positions; vice-president of the school and editor of the "Purple and Gold". She also has written many articles for the "Gordon Bell Chimes". Marian is also a representative on the Winnipeg Youth Council. At "Gordon's" graduation this year she gave the History of the Graduating Class.

Marian Anderson's name should in the opinion of all who know her, be listed among the hardest working and friendliest of students.

Dave Cook, the runner up for Honor Student and Historian two years ago, has again proved his own -- this time by winning the Governor-General's Medal, for Grade XI at Gordon Bell; has taken leads in the operettas and Shakespearcan Plays; refereed our baseball games this year; takes part in all sports - track & field, baseball, etc. Another old "Laura Lite" has again brought honor to this school.



# GIRLS

# SPORTS

Field Day - June 6th was a very great event for the school. Almost everyone was entered in it and it seemed to wind up a year of success and happiness in the line of sports.

Special thanks goes to all the teachers connected with it in any way. We would also like to congratulate all the sports' captains for a fine years work.

## FIELD DAY RESULTS

### Sprinting

<u>Midget</u>		<u>Juvenile</u>	
Placing	Name	Placing	Name
1	Madeline Blaine	1	Pat Leathers
2	Diane Cooper	2	Beverley Osmond
3	Aileen Warrington	3	Pauline Santavy

<u>Junior</u>		<u>Intermediate</u>	
1	Clara Walker	1	Donna Travis
2	Betty Dewar	2	Geraldine Reid
3	Marilyn Woodard	3	Nancy Fisher

<u>Senior</u>		<u>75 yd. Dash</u>	
1	Carol Hook	1	Donna Travis
2	Joan Gauer	2	Betty Dewar
		3	Clara Walker

### High Jump

<u>Midget</u>		<u>Juvenile</u>	
1	Diane Cooper	1	Betty Bowen
2	Doreen McBeath	2	Pat Leathers
3	Aileen Warrington	3	Diane Mather

<u>Junior</u>		<u>Intermediate</u>	
1	Clara Walker	1	Nancy Fisher
2	Anne Patterson	2	Dorothy Hinch
3	Sheila Metcalfe	3	Clara Reid

### Senior

Joanne Corke

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Senior Baseball



Kilroy's Elementary Team



Juvenile Baseball



Girls Senior Volley Ball



Midget Volley Ball

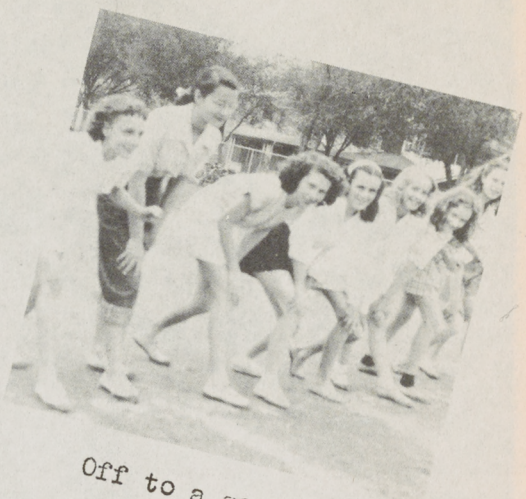


Boys' Swimming





Junior - High Jumpers  
They didn't all go quite this high



Off to a good start!



Lois Pink  
"Flying High"



Marilyn, Norma & Grace take  
a little nourishment on Field Day



Scott Montgomery  
Did he make it - we wonder?



"Mac" - a scotch member of  
Laura with pal Billy Picard, Room 15



Bud, Rod & Tom  
Three strong supporters ?





# BOYS' SPORTS

## Elementary Baseball

H. Kilroy	G. Walker	D. O'Connor
G. Tait	D. Radcliffe	D. Holman
B. Purdy	E. Watson	W. Shick (Capt.)
E. Czaja	K. Walton	D. Eubank

These boys turned in a good job but they were not quite good enough. Better luck next time, boys.

## Midget

R. Price	T. Rooke	B. Lindsay	J. Wilder	J. Conyers
T. Strathford	O. Harris	C. Armstrong	B. Cavell	E. Harper
K. Wise	R. Hurston			

Some of the scores of this team were as follows:-

Laura Secord 50	Earl Grey 31	Laura Secord 6	Lord Roberts 13
" " 17	" " 6	" " 7	" " 31
" " 7	R.H. Smith 14		

## Juvenile

P. McGregor	B. Akins	K. Bodley	R. Burke
J. Goodrick	H. Fitzgibbons	A. Hardie	H. Bjornson
D. Mack	P. Jocelyn	R. Verner	B. Todd
P. Finley			

This team turned in a fine performance in winning their division but they lost out in the semi-finals to Luxton. Here are their scores of the year:-

Laura Secord 6 - 10	Isaac Brock 9 - 4	Laura Secord 15 - 17
Mulvey 11 - 16	Laura Secord 17 - 10	Greenway 16 - 7
Semi Final - Laura Secord 3	Luxton - 6	

## Junior

H. Dodds (Capt.)	B. Birdsell	H. Erickson	B. Fast
H. Devenney	B. Radcliffe	J. Walker	J. Chalmers
B. Webster	I. Ford		

A very inspired team which turned in a good years' work.

Laura Secord 4 - 1	Robert H. Smith 2 - 16	Laura Secord 2 - 1
Earl Grey 12 - 10	Laura Secord 4 - 11	Ld. Roberts 3 - 4

## Intermediate

B. Flannigan	R. Martin	R. Hardy	D. Williams
B. Tasker	L. Walker	D. Hunter	R. Lindwall
A. Burgess	K. McVicar	J. Cummings	T. Gilchrist

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## The Graduation

Laura Secord was not as lucky as most schools, as the day picked for the graduation turned out to be cloudy and rainy. It has now been proved, however, that rain does not dampen the spirits of graduating boys and girls.

The service, which was held at Broadway Baptist Church, included the presenting of many awards, to acknowledge the achievement of many boys and girls. The majority of the awards were given by people outside the school. Harvey Jessiman, a former pupil, presented the Athletic Award, and Mr. S. Thompson presented the sports ribbons and crests. The Academic Award was presented by Mr. H. G. Brehaut to Miriam Lobel who had the highest average this year. The two choirs that won at the festival received their shield from Miss E. Kinley, who has just retired from her position as Supervisor of Music, Winnipeg Public School Board. The honor students received their award from Mr. Baragar, while Mr. Ramage presented the academic prizes to the highest students in Grades VII and VIII. To Miss Campbell fell the honor of presenting the new staff award to Broatch Haig, unanimously chosen by the staff as one who had been most helpful to her school in many activities.

Mr. Baragar made his remarks brief, to allow time for the rest of the program, which included three other speakers. The chief speaker, Mr. E. Morgan, made his address very interesting by including a few jokes, but, besides making us laugh, he made us realize how lucky we are by describing conditions in European schools. The valedictory and history were presented very well by Miriam Lobel, the Academic Award winner, and Dick Johnson, the runner up for honor student.

The music on the program was handled by Miss D. Holtby, conductor of the choirs, and Miss P. Holtby, conducted the orchestra. The only vocal solo was given by Mary Ann Fisher who sang "The Gypsy's Song". The 'cello solo in "Largo" was played by Doug McBeath. Both the vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed by all. We are indebted to Hugh John McLean, another former student to take part in our graduation, who helped us out by playing the organ. Joan Gauer accompanied the Girls' Glee Club and Broatch Haig accompanied Baritone Choir.

After the singing of "God Save the King", the graduates filed out of the church feeling, like their parents, proud and happy.

John Clark.

### 1, 2, 3 Kick

Soon after graduation, most of the Grade IX girls rushed home, put their corsages in the "fridge", then dashed upstairs to the mirror. The burning question was -- "has the rain taken the curl out of my hair or will it be curly for the dance?" For the majority of the girls the answer was yes, and we all assembled in the auditorium at eight o'clock.

Soon everything was going full blast under the able leadership of Ron Hall, Master of Ceremonies - the bingo games, table tennis and the coke bar all had their share of laughing youngsters. Everybody including the teachers, John Cavell and Mr. and Mrs. McGrath attended. There was something for everyone to do, and everyone made as much noise as possible doing it, - that's half the fun. The different classes put on comic strips which the actors enjoyed. Miss Tait presented suckers to the lucky participants of the games and skits. The dancing included several Conga's in which everyone took part, but, the high light of the evening was when members of our teaching staff showed us how (?). One boy was heard to remark as he discarded his glasses, "now, I can say I've seen everything". From their expressions the teachers enjoyed congaing as much as we did watching them. There were door prizes ("love dem chocolates") won by Joan Menzies and Ed Foster. Mrs. McGrath drew the lucky tickets. The party broke up about 11:00 o'clock and the members and heads of various committees went home looking very smug about having helped plan and carry such a howling success.

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The thanks of all of the students who attended go to those members who were on committees; to the teachers who gave such a lot of their time; and to the janitors on whom a great deal of the responsibility fell.

C.M.C.

Girls' Sports continued from P.24

<u>Ball Throw</u>					
<u>Midget</u>		<u>Juvenile</u>			
1	Mary Jane Kremer	49'6"	1	Pat Begley	87'3"
2	Colena Dixon	39'4"	2	Pauline Santavy	86'2"
			3	Helen Carter	72'6"
<u>Junior</u>			<u>Intermediate</u>		
1	Weida Willows	99'	1	Donna Pollock	105'
2	Clara Walker	96'	2	Elsie Frosk	104'5"
3	Barbara Fulton	93'	3	Clara Reid	100'5"
<u>Senior</u>			<u>Relay Teams</u>		
1	Joan Gauer	121'	Gr. VII	-	Room 10
2	Pat Montgomery	93'	Gr. VIII	-	Room 22
			Gr. IX	-	Room 18

Room 10 girls were high with 20 points. Room 22 were next with 19 points. Room 18 were third with 17 points.

Three cheers for Miss Tait our very capable Physical Training Instructress.

W. W.

Pen Sketches Room 9:24 continued:

Gordon Volume: "Gordie", alias "LWH", a dark-haired, dark-eyed, curly top the likeable happy sport enthusiast; played hockey with Isaac Brock; loves skiing; quite dapper with his diamond socks and sports sweaters; full of fun and popular with all.

Dave Williams: "Dave or Willy" moved in from Quebec to capture all of our hearts; is both brainy and brawny; a keen sport (hockey, skiing, baseball, football); 24 is proud that he won the honor student award; was our room president; a dandy all'round fellow.

Leighton Young: a sturdy tow-head; plays both the clarinet and piano in school orchestra; member of a band; candidate for honor student; played hockey with Isaac Brock; a happy kidder with a quiet determined way about him; how does he do so many things? the baby of Grade IX - Whew: we feel weak.



Boys Sports continued from P.27

They had plenty of spirit, but they just didn't get there. Here are some of the scores:

Laura Secord	9	Earl Grey	3	Laura Secord	5	R.H. Smith	14
"	"	"	"	"	"	Id. Roberts	9
"	"	R.H. Smith	15	"	"	"	"

Senior

L. Tanner; B. Stoddart; D. O'Connor; D. Black; T. Lyons; B. Bergstrom  
 J. Rice; H. Deary; C. Campbell; T. Karlicki; T. Kowalski;  
 B. Spratt; L. Johnson:

The senior boys practiced every day and it paid off, early. Under the fine coaching of Mr. Throp, the boys showed plenty of ability and got along much further than expected

FIELD DAY - June 6th

For days the boys and girls under Mr. Phillips and Miss Tait had been practicing for the field events. The grounds were beautifully marked out for the sprints and every boy had sweated freely digging the jumping pits and placing the sand. Rain threatened to postpone the day, but actually it left the grounds dust free and in beautiful condition.

It was a colorful day and all events were keenly contested. Gordon Bell High school will be looking for our track stars - they should show up well there in the next few years. Through the co-operation of teachers and pupils and under the direction of the physical training teachers, events were completed strictly on schedule

Our friendly dogs were out in great numbers. "Mac", whose picture you see elsewhere, took a sharp interest in the contests but entered none. Cameras too were everywhere and it was a great day for the photographers. It was probably the best field day Laura has ever held.

Field Events

Sprints: Midget - C. Harris, B. Aikens, S. Cancilla.  
 Juvenile - D. Lindwall, J. Godderick, H. Garrioch.  
 Junior - H. Dodds, G. Moore, D. Heys.  
 Intermed. - D. Williams, R. Wood, R. Lindwall.  
 Senior - R. Hall, T. Lyons, R. Kitching.

$\frac{1}{2}$  Mile: R. Hall; L. Robinson; R. Kitching:

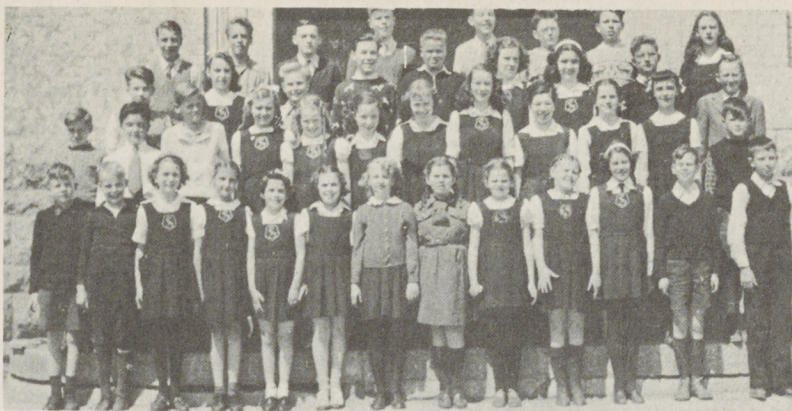
$\frac{1}{4}$  Mile: I. Ford; H. Dodds; H. Devenney:

Running High Jump: - Midget - T. Rooke; R. Gustin; C. Harris.  
 Juvenile - R. Kitching; H. Bjornson; R. Verner:  
 Junior - I. Ford; D. Ferguson; B. Birdsell:  
 Interm - R. Hardy; D. Hunter; B. Tasker:  
 Senior - T. Kowalski; B. Roth; B. Johnson:

Running Broad Jump: - Midget - F. Bowers; S. Cancilla; C. Harris:  
 Juvenile - B. Aikens; R. Burke; R. Verner:  
 Junior - J. Chalmers; P. McEwen; J. Walker  
 Interm. - B. Flannigan; R. Martin; J. Cummings:  
 Senior - C. Colin; D. O'Connor; B. Bergstrom:



## Honor Students - Gr's. 4 - 9



- 1st. Row: Dave Paterson, Terry Finlay, Sheila Anne Sargeant, Millicent Johnston, Ruth Brehault, Donna Large, Carol Richardson, Aileen Johnson, Betty Ann Jackson, Barbara May, Doreen McBeath, Norman Leathers, Donald McLeod, John Chalmers.
- 2nd. Row: Jim Lysecki, Ivan Berkowitz, Terry Rooke, Diane Durie, Unnar Kristjansson, Ann Meinzen, Anne Paterson, Miriam Lobel, Joan Morrison, Madelaine Blaine.
- 3rd. Row: Trevor Holland  
Dave Stinson, Elaine Russell, Leighton Young, Ted McIrvine, Bill Munro, Marilyn Donaldson, Nancy Fisher, Ken Walton.
- 4th. Row: Bob Kruger, Jack Tait, John Clark, Jon Sigurdson, John Schioler, Ian Sutherland, Dick Johnson, Shirley Hickingbottom.

## Girls' Swimming Teams

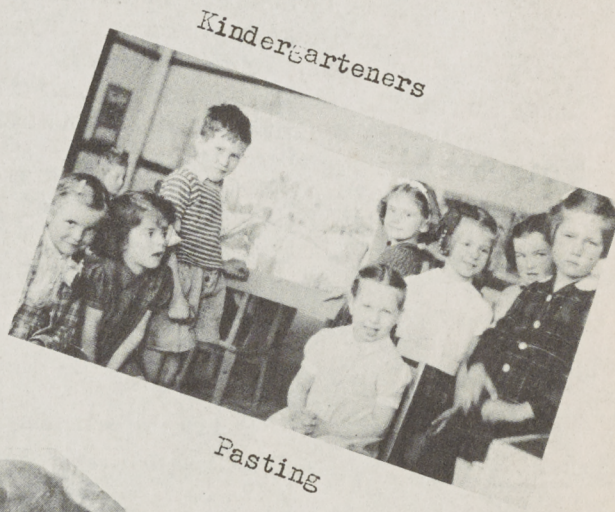


- 1st. Row: Margaret Weatherley, Beverley Striowski, Barbara Picard, Sheila Ann Sargeant, Doreen McBeath, Pat Begley, Mary Jane Kremer, Sheila Browne,
- 2nd. Row: Joyce Lovell, Gerry Robinson, Sheila Fox, Mary Manos, Joyce Sandrock, D'Arlene Sabiston, Marilyn Woodard, Diane Mathers.
- 3rd. Row: Helen Carter, Audrey Glover, Joan Gauer, Miss Tait, Corinne Nemy, Lynne Russenholt





Miss Holtby displays our winnings. The James Tees Shield, which has been won eight times by the Laura Second Boys Glee Club.



"Mac" gets his picture in twice - he rates high with us.





HIGHEST STANDINGSJune 1947

The staff and school congratulate these fine students.

GRADE IV

David Paterson	98.1%
Aileen Johnson	97.
Bernice Hoines	95.8
Unnur Kristjansson	95.8
Myrna Lewarne	95.8
Jennie Pidek	94.4

GRADE V

Elaine Russell	99.6%
Norman Leathers	98.8
Marion Klepatz	97.6
Donald Stephenson	97.4
David Stinson	97.2
Helen Wong	93.6

GRADE VI

Shirley Horton	95.8%
Kenneth Walton	95.6
Don O'Connor	94.2
Frank Kilroy	92.8
Marg. Weatherley	92.6
Vonnie Schmoutz	92.4

GRADE VII

Sheila Ann Sargeant	92.8%
Madeline Blain	88.5
Joan Crealock	88.2
Terry Rooke	87.3
Patricia Leathers	86.
Doreen McBeath	86.7

GRADE VIII

John Schioler	94.6%
Jon Sigurdson	90.8
Ann Meinzen	89.6
Ted McIrvine	88.9
Bill Munroe	88.8
Ann Paterson	87.2

GRADE IX

Miriam Lobel	89.4
John Clark	86.4
Nora Bowman	86.1
Ian Sutherland	85.9
Dick Johnson	85.3
Corinne Nemy	84.7

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Thanks to Mrs. McGrath for the amount of work she has put on our school paper. She has continually offered helpful suggestions and provided moral support for all of us on the staff. We sincerely appreciate her efforts and we all know that it would have been very hard getting our paper out without her.

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A Public Parks Board Summer Playground has been made at Laura Secord under the supervision of Keith Mills and Shirley Lowe.

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The Four Footed Ball Player

This my friends is an odd but true title. I said a four-footed ball player and this individual happens to be a dog. Mac's first part in a baseball game was snatching the ball and running away with it. This earned him the title of "the Pest" of Laura Secord. Gradually he changed and after retrieving the ball would proceed to take it to the nearest player. It was then, and only then, was he accepted as one of the players. Steadily he improved, and now when some easy fly is hit his way, he will catch it in his mouth. One strange thing about him is that his attention is centered only on the ball that is played at the time, and no others. Certain ball players have been honored for some accomplishments they have mastered, but "Mac" is known by ones that realize his unusual ability for a dog.

Don Ferguson - R.10.

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Laura Secord students would like to thank Mr. Phillips for his interest and help in various school activities. He did a very fine job in connection with Field Day and the boys' sports. Mr. Phillips will not be back next year as he is continuing his work in the Faculty of Education.



Laura Secord Home and School Association

The association completed the first season since its organization last November with an annual meeting held in the school auditorium, May 21st.

At his meeting the following officers were elected to the executive for the 1947-1948 season:

Honorary President	Mr. W. S. McEwon
Past President	Mr. H. B. Brehaut
President	Mr. R. D. Macfarlane
1st Vice President	Mrs. J. A. McLeod
2nd " "	Mr. T. D. Rooke
Secretary	Mrs. F. B. Chalmers
Treasurer	Mr. W. Lord

Chairman of Committee's:

Membership	Mrs. W. M. Vail
Program	Mr. W. Whale
Publicity	Dr. V. L. Leathers
Recreation	Mr. S. E. Thompson
Social	Mrs. W. C. Allenby

Representatives from the school staff:

Mr. F. D. Baragar  
Mr. W. Throp

Since the organization of the association last November, seven monthly meetings have been held. There was an average attendance at these meetings of 120 and at the annual meeting of May 21st, there were 189 paid up members.

The accomplishments of the past season are the organization of the association, its affiliation with the Manitoba Federation of Home and School, attendance of delegates to the Annual Convention of the Federation, six speakers addressed the members on subjects allied with the objects of the organization, a carnival was supported and tennis privileges obtained for students at the Riverside Tennis Club.

A meeting was held by the executive for the coming season when the progress of the past year was reviewed and preliminary plans discussed for the coming year. These discussions centered on such subjects as:

The advisability of a teeneanteen sponsored by the association.

It was decided to circularize the members and parents of all children by questionnaire asking for suggestions for the activities and programs of the association. Emphasis was placed on the fact that the object of the Laura Secord Home and School Association is to bring into closer relationship the home and school, in order that parents and teachers may co-operate intelligently in the training and education of the children of this community.

Your executive extends a cordial invitation to all those interested in these objectives to attend the regular meetings.

The association is organized for the benefit of this community of which you are a member. It is your association, your interest is appreciated, your suggestions are welcomed and your support is solicited.

Jean H. Chalmers,  
Secretary.



## History of Graduating Classes cont. from P.3

The only other school function of the year was a reception sponsored by the Home and School Association. The Grade IX Girls made charming servers, while the boys were courteous ushers and check-room attendants.

It has been a busy year you will agree in which there has been plenty of activity wherein any boy or girl so inclined could find pleasure and benefit. We hope that skills and interests developed at Laura Secord will be carried on to the higher grades, and associated with the fond memories of the Junior High School years.

Richard Johnson - 9:24

## Pen Sketches Room 19 continued from P.9

- Phyllis Hargraves: 19's brown haired, brown-eyed girls' sports captain. She loves sport and played on 24's baseball and volley-ball teams. She is one of Laura's speed-skating aces.
- Mercedes Huuk: One of 19's taller girls, "Mert" is a friend to all; as class president she has done a good job.
- Bernice Zanko: Our only rather blonde girl; Bernice is a good sport; some of her subjects bore her a bit but she usually manages to get some fairly good marks:
- Connie Orr: "Connie" is an ever smiling and cheerful miss; very friendly and good natured; isn't very fond of sports except as a spectator.
- Marcella Murphy: Another young lady who could get higher marks - a true friend; generous and cheerful; some of her subject are a bit over her head, but she tries hard and usually catches on to them near the end.
- Sheila Johnston: Our titian haired lass. She isn't too interest in sports; usually sniling and gay; short but likes tall boys; work is usually neat.
- Billy Webster: Our pleasing plump import from Fannystelle. Billy played fielder on the junior baseball team; one of our brighter students in all subjects.

## The Knight

His armour flashes in the sun,  
A beautiful sight for everyone,  
He's very brave and kind and good,  
And always does just as he should.

His purpose is to justly fight,  
For everything that's fair and right,  
He never thinks his work is done,  
And always cares for everyone.

It's important in this work,  
To look for enemies on the lurk,  
And wherever he is seen,  
He's known as a knight of our queen.

Don Ferguson, R.10



## LAURA SECORD SCHOOL

## Financial Statement

1946 - 1947

## RECEIPTS

Carried forward	\$608.13
Tea	298.38
Junior High Library	.05
Elementary Library	-
Music	7.79
Orchestra	12.15
Sports and Physical Training	146.75
Miscellaneous	109.32
Equipment and Supplies	15.78
Graduation Exercises	8.05
Cadet Account	-
Charities	-

\$1206.40

## DISBURSEMENTS

Tea	\$ 53.39
Junior High Library	30.00
Elementary Library	25.00
Music	14.96
Orchestra	47.59
Sports and Physical Training	218.62
Miscellaneous	133.01
Equipment and Supplies	417.59
Graduation Exercises	43.90
Cadet Account	64.23
Charities	50.00

\$ 1098.29

Bank Balance June 25th	\$ 237.72	
Less outstanding cheques	140.05	= \$97.67
Credit at Western Music		1.36
Petty Cash on hand		9.08

108.11

\$100 Victory Bond in bank for safekeeping.

\$ 1206.40

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mabel G. Henders.





Orchestra



Elementary Choir



Miss Martin's Choir - Gr's. 1 and 2



Frances L. Martin

A. L. Florence

Elinor Prang Ruth Parker

Sybil K. Shack.

Helen Keil  
Tom Grails.

Myrtle A. Tait

Mabel Genders

Margaret E. Lee



J. H. Buchanan  
Myrtle A. Tait

Rancho Foxworth.

Mildred Parker

Gladys Marshall

Marion Pincock

Jessie Riddell

Fred. D. Baragar

Edna L. Randolph

A. J. Phillips

William Range

Marguerite W. Robertson

Zachariah Watt H. J.

A. Beatrice Campbell

Lorna M. Cook